Participatory Organic Certification and resilience building

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People who lost jobs went back to where they found security

• Secure in a community – village – People

• Existence of secured food systems – Land- Sea
Organic Principles

- **Health** – organic agriculture sustains and enhances health.

- **Ecology** – organic agriculture is based on living ecological systems

- **Fairness** – organic agriculture builds on relationships that ensure fairness

- **Care** – organic agriculture is managed in a precautionary and responsible manner

- **Culture and traditions** – Pacific organic agriculture recognises the value of contributions from traditional agriculture and Pacific cultures.
Organic Certification Systems

1. Participatory Guarantee System (PGS)
2. 3rd Party
Conclusion

- PGS encourages farmers to improve biodiversity above and below ground
- Organic practices – improves biodiversity below ground – soil life
- Local food with a modern twist promoted – Organic Night Market – new dishes – change of perceptions
- Much more variety of fruits and vegetables on organic farms and available locally
- Social inclusion – whole families important

Challenge
How to link having these improvements with Health, Nutrition & NCDs
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